

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LAHONTAN REGION**

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF  
CLAIMS AND ALLEGED VIOLATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH  
VICTOR VALLEY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) is soliciting comments on a proposed settlement of claims and alleged violations associated with Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWRA). Written comments must be received at the address above, attention Harold Singer, **by 5:00 p.m. on November 4, 2008 or [hsinger@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:hsinger@waterboards.ca.gov)**.

The Water Board's Prosecution Team has reached a settlement with VWRA addressing alleged violations of California water quality protection laws and regulations. The alleged violations are associated with discharges of wastewater in violation of VWRA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit.

The settlement includes VWRA paying an administrative civil liability of **\$324,000**, of which **\$170,380** will be a cash payment to the State Water Board Cleanup and Abatement Account. An additional **\$153,620** will be directed to a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). The SEP consists of expanding the data collection for the Mojave River Characterization Study that was approved as a SEP in October 2006. This supplemental effort will include an additional six months of water quality monitoring, a second aquatic life characterization and an expansion of the beneficial use assessment survey.

The Settlement Agreement, proposed Administrative Civil Liability Order, proposed SEP, and related documents pertaining to this issue may be inspected and copied at the Water Board office at the address above during regular business hours. These documents can also be viewed on the Water Board's web site:  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan).

The Water Board will consider the proposed settlement at its November 12-13, 2008 meeting. A meeting agenda with the time and location (to be determined) will be mailed to interested parties and will be available on the Water Board web site by October 24, 2008. The Water Board will not be holding an adjudicatory proceeding or evidentiary hearing at the November 2008 meeting. Instead, the Water Board will decide whether to approve or reject the proposed settlement after considering the information presented by the Prosecution Team, VWRA, written comments submitted by the November 4, 2008 deadline and oral comments presented at the meeting. The Water

Board will either adopt or reject the proposed Administrative Civil Liability Order which incorporates the SEP.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter. Any questions concerning the details of the settlement should be directed to Chuck Curtis at (530) 542-5460 ([ccurtis@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ccurtis@waterboards.ca.gov)) or Scott Ferguson at (530) 542-5432 ([sferguson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sferguson@waterboards.ca.gov)). Any questions on the Water Board process to consider this proposed settlement should be directed to Harold Singer at (530) 542-5412 or [hsinger@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:hsinger@waterboards.ca.gov).



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Date: October 1, 2008